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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, for which a non-final office action was issued on August 29, 2008 in response to the Request for Continued Examination of July 8, 2008, hereby discloses the information of the following relevant arts along with the form PTO/SB/08A which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H5-1559 A published by Japan Patent Office on January 8, 1993; and

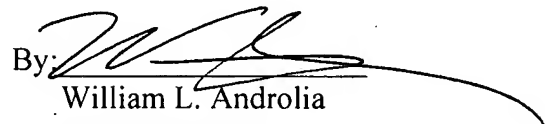
B. Japanese Patent No. 2,583,194 issued on November 21, 1996 and published on February 19, 1997 by Japan Patent Office.

The above-listed relevant art A and B, not in the English language, are cited by the applicant in the specification; and a concise explanation of the relevance of each one of these relevant arts is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i). Nonetheless, an English language abstract is attached to the relevant art A, and in addition, a computer-aided English translation issued by Japan Patent Office is attached to this art A pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(ii).

As to the art B, an Information Disclosure Statement including this art B, which was cited among others in the International Search Report, was filed on April 26, 2006, and thus in view of 37 CFR 1.98(c), a copy of this art is not attached hereto and the information is omitted herein.

Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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